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"To Every Nation . . ."

One more step in the complete fulfillment of prophecy was taken on the first of September as missionaries entered the Southern Rhodesian borders to carry out organised proselyting of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the first time in the history of the mission, missionaries have been allowed to do this, although many elders have done spasmodic missionary work there in the past mainly among the members living in the country.

After a year's negotiations between President Evan P. Wright and the immigration authorities of Southern Rhodesia, permission was finally granted. This negotiation included correspondence and a personal visit to the officials in Salisbury and Bulawayo, the two largest cities in the country.

Mission Presidents have been visiting both North and South Rhodesia for the past quarter of a century or more, and under the direction of President Dalton three elders laboured in the Rhodesias for three or four weeks, baptising the children of members and doing what little proselyting could be done. In August, 1931, Elders A. K. Berry and T. Y. Wilson reported much success from a short visit to that country. During their stay there a branch was organised at Shangani with Walter Taylor Jubber as the Branch president and William Jubber, his son, as first counsellor. Later this branch dissolved.

When President Wright made his extensive tour of the Rhodesias in April and May he visited places that had never had the privilege of the mission president. It was during this time that he met with the government officials.

Elders Glen L. Hambexlin, G. Gail Weggeland, Donald V. Cook and Dimar G. Hogan have been assigned to Bulawayo, the second largest city in Southern Rhodesia. Elders Dale G. Johnson, Tharin, J. Bigler, George L. Albright, and Monroe G. McKay will labour in Salisbury, the capital of the country.

At the present there are members in Salisbury and in Bulawayo, with several in surrounding vicinity. The possibility of a branch being organised in Salisbury is very likely.

THE COVER

The Matopos—Grave of Cecil John Rhodes—after whom the Rhodesias were named.

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The Church...

AROUND THE WORLD

IN COMMEMORATION of the introduction of the Restored Gospel to Sweden a century ago by Elder John Forsgren, the Swedish Mission recently held its centennial celebrations and conference. During the 100 years just past, more than 20,000 Swedes have joined the Church though only a small portion of them are in Sweden now.

Throughout the two weeks of conference activities, the press co-operated wonderfully well, and at least 10 favourable articles in national magazines and newspapers were published. The newspapers helped very much to advertise the conference sessions by writing truthful and readable articles.

The attendance and participation of Elder John A. Widtsoe of the Council of the Twelve was a thrilling highlight to the Swedish Saints and missionaries.

THIRTY-SIX per cent. of the stakes, wards, and missions attend Sunday School each week, for a gain of five per cent. over the previous year, says the annual report of the Deseret Sunday School Union. For the year ending December 31, 1949, the average attendance was 57½ per cent. of the enrollment, a gain of one and a half per cent. over the year 1948.

Total enrollment of pupils, officers and teachers during 1949, the Centennial Year of the Deseret Sunday School Union, gained 45,773 to a new record of 515,049. This exceeds substantially the goal of 500,000 set first for the beginning of the Centennial Year.

FOR THE FIRST time in nearly 30 years, the lovely country of Denmark was host to the presidents of the 10 European Missions and their wives. The

meeting was held in Copenhagen from July 4-10. Representing the Council of the Twelve, Elder John A. Widtsoe was the guiding authority of the historic conference.

Throughout the conference an intensive programme of instruction, led by Elder Widtsoe, was presented. Daily council and discussion meetings were held for mission presidents, during which problems pertaining to various missions were presented.

AN ORIGINAL ballet-opera was the highlight of a two hour programme presented by Primary children of the Belgian District of the French Mission at the chapel in Seraing.

The programme climaxed a year of successful Primary work in the Belgian District.

Twenty-four Primary boys and girls representing four nationalities performed before a large audience of members and non-members. Primary organizations of three branches. Seraing, Liege, and Herstal participated in the annual event.

FIVE THRILLING days of activities, concerts, outings, and inspiring meetings brought to fruition the plans and dreams of the Norwegian Saints to celebrate fittingly the one hundredth anniversary of their mission.

Latter-day Saints gathered in Oslo from all over Norway to join the centennial festivities. Members from Narvik and Tromso far above, the Arctic Circle; from Kristiansand, Arendal, Larvik, the southern cities; from Bergen and Stavanger on the Western coast, and from Kongsvinger near the Swedish border, all come for one purpose—to celebrate a century of the gospel in their land.

"I Am Bound

WHEN YOU DO WHAT I SAY"

By EVAN P. WRIGHT,
Mission President

The members of the South African Mission are, in a large measure, faithfully observing the law of tithing, and are prospering materially. This is evidenced by increasing tithing payments to Mission Officers. Money is, generally speaking, less plentiful now than in recent years, but actual tithing payments are increasing rather than decreasing. If all members were as careful and as faithful in this matter as many are, surely the windows of heaven would be opened to pour out blessings upon us.

Some members who pay tithing are not, however, regular contributors of Fast Offerings, and so we feel that it is appropriate to mention some facts relating to this law of the Church.

The Lord has in this day commanded us to continue in prayer and fasting that our joy and rejoicing may be perfect.

There are times of distress and special need in the lives of all of us when we desire to approach our Heavenly Father and ask for his guidance and blessings. On such occasions it is proper for us to accompany our prayers with periods of fasting and thanksgiving to Him, the giver of all good things. President Joseph F. Smith has told us that our fasts needn't be unduely long and that a fast of twenty-four hours, in the correct attitude, will be as acceptable as one of a much longer period. We commend our people to use this approach to the Lord.

In addition to occasional fasts, the Church Authorities have provided a pattern of fasting for all members to follow each month on Fast Day, which is the first Sunday of the month.

On this day all members of the Church are requested to refrain from eating two meals, and pay the amount saved into the Church for the support of the needy. We feel sure that if all members of the South African Mission followed this counsel we would be able to provide for the unfortunate among us without call from other sources. However, only a small proportion of our members do this.

All money received as donations for Fast Offerings in the South African Mission is used exclusively for the relief of the poor. None is used for any other purpose, and all of it is used entirely within this mission.

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ARCHIE kicks puffs of grey dust from the narrow trail. Stopping on a rise, I stand high in the stirrups to escape the hot winds that caress my face and draw a deep breath of the clean, dry mountain air. My pulse quickens at the sight of these rolling acres because I know the rocky, barren hillside; the dusty, thirsty sagebrush; the big tumbleweeds that roll lazily across the fields until they pile themselves in a prickly mass; the jack rabbits that dash madly from their cover when frightened, but stop inquisitively before finally disappearing over the crest of a hill; the weathered two room affair that hugs the land like a nesting bird and animals that dot the landscape as far as the eye can see. Include a God fearing parent in the scene and the setting which conspired to teach me manners and morals is complete.



Astride Bro.-Go-A-Second-Mile

this line of reasoning especially applied to the moral teachings found in my Sunday School books. The first lesson was all about

Manners and Morals

By ELDER ROBERT PATRICK

The summer of my seventh birthday came at last—now I was of age to sever the apron strings and accompany Dad to the farm. There was the usual fuss and bother with mother and nearly a panic when she suddenly realized that I would miss Sunday School for four successive weeks. She decided that dad would have to teach me. As we departed for our hermitage on the farm I noticed his pockets were brimming with lesson manuals and before we could get out of range his ears were ringing with last minute instructions pertaining to my physical and spiritual growth. The instructions stuck in his ears pretty well, but before we had gone many miles, the manuals ended up being wrapped around the bread to make sure it stayed fresh.

Dad belonged to the school of thought which taught that you didn't learn anything from a book unless you could see its practical application and he always believed

going the second mile so dad decided upon a way to make it mean something to me. Henceforth my pony was no longer to be called "Archie" but was to be known by the name of "Brother-Go-A-Second-Mile." This was easy to understand because I knew how, without the lightest suggestion of rein or spur, Archie would go forward with never a backward glance. He didn't ever groan or shy away from the saddle when it was placed upon his back. The first lesson was so interesting and easy to understand that during the week I unwrapped the bread and almost renamed every animal on the farm.

The red hen became Sister Hearsay—so named because whenever the other hens had settled down to the earnest task of egg laying you could be sure that Sister Hearsay would come cackling onto the scene. After a few minutes of this cackling the hens would be in such a dither that egg

laying would come to an abrupt halt until every hen in the coop had had her say. When we turned the hens out of the coop unbeknown to Sister Hearsay, her cackling had become a habit and it soon attracted a hawk that was flying nearby. She realized too late the calamity which her cackling had brought upon her and in two swoops the hawk had dislodged every loose feather in her body. She managed to regain the safety of the coop but never the trust of the other hens.

The work horses fit in with my third lesson—"Be not unevenly yoked." Dad had made a mistake when he bought Sadie and Henry because he had chosen them for their handsome lines and well matched colour without going into their background and training as colts. Henry was big and capable but he didn't like to take the responsibility of pulling his share of the load. The only time Henry ever broke into a sweat was the day a horsefly stopped by for a meal just out of reach of his tail. Brother Lukewarm was his new name. Sadie on the other hand was forced to carry a load and a half and if it hadn't been for the salesman with the modern fertilizer spreader coming just when he did she would have broken under the strain. The salesman explained how it was mechanically impossible for the machine to spread the fertilizer unless the two horses pulled evenly. To insure this even pull the machine is fitted with stay-chain adapters and side-lines. The side-lines made Sadie

impatient at first and she pulled against the bit because she didn't realize that by her being held back it allowed Brother Lukewarm to go right out in front and build up confidence in himself. After awhile Brother Lukewarm had the desire to go ahead and dad was able to take the stay-chains and side-lines completely off. What had once been a weak pair before the coming of the salesman was now a strong team.

The snakes even came in for recognition. The blow-snake is Brother Bluster. Most people are fooled when they first meet him because he coils and strikes like he really meant business but when you get to know him better you learn that he hasn't any teeth. The only thing you can expect from Brother Bluster is a blast of foul air. Another one is the more common transparent grass snake. Dad and I both agreed that his name was to be Brother Undependable. If you can sneak up on Brother Undependable and carefully stroke his back you can mould him into any shape you like. He will not only stay in that shape, though, as long as you are stroking him just right. The minute you stop he's gone like a flash.

And soon the four weeks had passed and every animal on the farm had a new name but me. Dad said mine was still in the making. Something like a crossword puzzle with a letter for every act I do and when the puzzle is completed, there before my eyes will be my name.

DO YOU KNOW———?

1. Do you know the month and the year the missionary activities commenced in South Africa?
2. Do you know the name of the South African mission president who was an early convert to the church from South Africa?
3. Do you know the name of the South African mission president who later became a general authority of the Church?
4. Do you know who started the first Primary in the Union of South Africa?
5. Do you know who started baseball in the Union of South Africa?

Answers found on page 137.

"Know Ye Not.."

On 8th August, 1950, the First Presidency announced by cablegram that Elder George F. Richards, President of the Quorum of the Twelve, had died. After eighty-nine years in this mortal probation, forty-four years of which had been in service with the apostles of the church, Elder Richards passed from earthlife to the glories beyond.

President Richards was ordained an apostle in April, 1906, along with Elders Orson F. Whitney and David O. McKay. Since that time his duties have taken him to Europe, where he served for three years as head of the European mission, to Alaska, to the islands of the sea, and to all parts of the North American continent. On his visits to the Stake quarterly conferences and on mission tours, he has met with saints all over the world.

"His one great desire, as he makes this milestone in a notable life span, is still to be of service to the members of the Church, both the old and the young. The wisdom and deliberated good judgment that have characterized his spoken work during more than half a century of Church service are apparent in his expression of this desire." This was written of him at the celebration of his eighty-ninth birthday on 23 February of this year

At the day of his death only one man had longer service in the head quorums of the Church and that was President George Albert Smith. So by reason of this seniority, President Richards was President of the Quorum of the Twelve, a position for which he was set apart on 21st May, 1945. He had the privilege of ordaining and setting apart President Smith as the head of the Church on that same day.



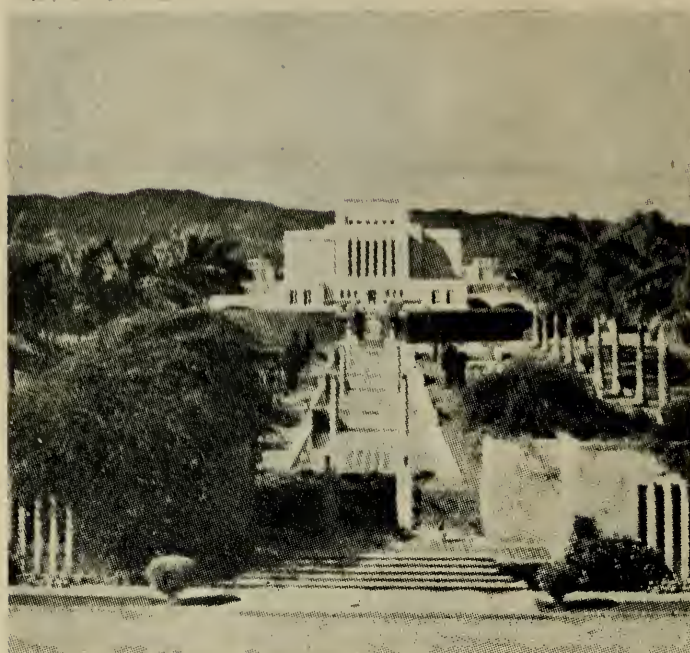
President Richards

President Richards has lived up to the heritage that was left to him by his parents, especially his father, who was also president of the Council of the Twelve at the time of his death. And in continuation of this royal lineage, President Richards has raised a large family that is a credit to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Among his children are Le Grande Richards, who is now serving as the Presiding Bishop of the church, Joel Richards, president of the North Western States mission, and George F. Richards, Jr., a former mission president.

President Richards began his eighty-ninth year with his health improving and was able, up to the last, to spend several hours each day at his desk and at his home making assignments of his fellow workers to stake conferences and mission tours and keeping up with his correspondence. He was the "elder statesman" among the General Authorities of the Church. He died an authority on Church doctrine and procedure.

A great loss to the community from which he came and to the people he served among for so long, Brother Richards goes on to receive the glories of eternity.

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"



Hawaii— 100 Years

*HAWAIIAN TEMPLE
one of the beauty spots of
the islands*

On November 22, 1850, the first missionaries landed on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Upon landing "the elders made their way up the hill, which today is a residential area called Pacific Heights. They gathered rocks as they climbed and built an altar and dedicated the land to the preaching of the gospel, and themselves to that service."

Today President George Albert Smith is on his way to the land of the south seas to participate with the twelve and a half thousand Saints of the islands in the centennial of the introduction of the gospel

into that land. On the islands of Hawaii there is now one stake aside from the Hawaiian mission. The beautiful Hawaiian Temple, called by many the "Taj Mahal of the Pacific," serves the Saints for expression of their religious beliefs.

Of the Church in the Hawaiian Islands it has been written, "When the work of the Church is evaluated, it may well be assumed that the L.D.S. religion is sound at the core. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'"

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We believe that some of our people haven't realized this position and so we urge them to follow the practice outlined by our sustained leaders. Surely spiritual and even physical blessings will be received by those who faithfully follow this instruction.

Every Church member old enough to understand should be encouraged to fast each month. We urge all families of the Mission to follow the above mentioned procedure from this day on if they haven't done so in the past.

We suggest that parents encourage children to pay their own fast offerings. Teach the children that they are observing a law of the Lord in so doing, and helping some other children who may be less fortunate than they. It will be a wonderful habit for children to cultivate in their youth.

The word of the Lord has come to us as follows: "I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise."

May we all merit his blessings. God bless you.

Do You Know?

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 134

1. Missionaries commenced work in the South African Mission in April of 1853, when Elders Jesse Haven, Leonard I. Smith and William H. Walker arrived in Cape Town. On June 15, 1853, Henry Stringer was baptised, the first person to be baptised into the Church in South Africa. Within the short period of six months the three Elders had baptised 45 persons. They organised two branches and blessed quite a number of children.

2. When the elders commenced their activities in the mission for the second time in 1904, Samuel Martin heard the gospel and applied for baptism. He with Thomas Sawyer was baptised in Table Bay. Brother Martin emigrated to Zion where he established a business in Utah. On June 22, 1926, Brother Martin arrived back in the Union of South Africa, this time to preside over the mission a position he held until he was replaced by President Dalton in 1929.

3. Elder Nicholas G. Smith was released from the Presidency of the South African Mission in 1921, after seven and a half years as the head of the mission. In 1932 he was called to the office of a patriarch and up until 1937 he was acting Patriarch to the Church. After serving a term as president of the North Western States

mission and president of the Californian Mission, he was called to be an assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

4. Under the Direction of Johanna Fourie, with the assistance of Elders Clarence Randall and Evan P. Wright, the "Busy Bees," the forerunner of the Primary, was organized. This was on August 18, 1932. Since that time, Sister Fourie, who was not a member at the date of organisation, has been named supervisor of the Primaries of the Mission.

5. Contrary to the popular belief, the Mormon missionaries were not the originators of baseball in the Union of South Africa. As early as 1895 the miners were playing baseball in the mining camps of the Goldfields of Johannesburg. In 1930 a league was organised in Natal, and in 1932 the American Consul-General, President Don Mack Dalton, and several others started a movement to organise a league in the Cape. Through the contribution of the Mormon Missionaries, under the coaching of President Dalton, the Baseball Club of the Western Province has become the strongest club of the Union. The name "Cumorah" is revered by baseball players throughout the Union.

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We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of the Transvaal District for the kindnesses that they extended to us while we were labouring in that district. We are grateful for your friendship, for we know that no one could have been better treated.

The Yarn Family.



My Happiness, My Home

By MARGARET YARN

Some people expect family prayer to solve all spiritual problems of the family. They sometimes forget that unless the influence of the Lord permeates the home, the family prayer may become a mockery to the children. Family prayer must be lived in the home, not just taken care of. "They shall also teach their children to pray, and to walk uprightly before the Lord." The Lord expects every child born in the church to learn to pray at home. A father—the head of the family—should never miss calling his family together to ask the Lord's guidance and direction to lead them through the day.

The family prayer should not be long and drawn out, but rather to the point. Children become impatient when they cannot comprehend the words of the prayer. The children may become resentful toward family prayer rather than enjoy it if it becomes boring. It is not meant that the

father of the family alone should pray, but for the mother and children to do so also, that they may partake of the spirit of prayer. There have been few lose their faith or go astray who never neglect their prayers in their families—and their secret prayers to God.

President Heber J. Grant said, "I am convinced that one of the greatest things that can come into my home to cause boys and girls in that home to grow up in love of God, and in a love of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is to have family prayer."

The family discipline should emphasize the principle that all are expected to be present for the family devotion. Nevertheless, parents should be gently persistent because an application of family prayer, like all other procedures which make for brighter and better lives, is acquired only by habitual practise.

This recipe, for pasting in the back of your Relief Society Cook Book, was contributed by Mary E. Vice, Johannesburg.

SOUTH AFRICAN
MISSION
RELIEF SOCIETY

*Cook
Book*

NUT LOAF

Mary E. Vice

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Walnuts | 1 lb. Shredded Wheat Biscuits |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Brazil Nuts | 1 Half Onion—cut up fine |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Peanut Butter | 1 Teaspoon Salt |

1 Beaten Egg added to a Cup of Salt.

Method: Put nuts through grinder—not too fine. Soak biscuits until soft in egg and water. Mix all to a fairly stiff paste. Place mixture in a pan and bake from 30-40 minutes. Eat hot with brown sauce.

Sauce

2 Tablespoons Olive Oil

Handful of Whole Wheat Flour

Stir until all the oil is absorbed, then pour in some water from boiled vegetables. Stir to a thick cream, then add Marmite to taste. If not salty enough add celery salt.

A GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR MEAT

South African Mission

MISSION HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NAMED

Under the auspices of the Mission Presidency, a historical committee was named and its functions outlined recently. Formed for the purpose of compiling a complete history of the South African Mission, the group will endeavour to search out records that will give a more vivid picture of the activities of the Church in this southern part of Africa.

The committee will operate under the supervision of the Mission Presidency. Included in the group are Elder Blaine Hudson, the Mission Historian, Beatrice E. Smith and Samuel Rayner.

The primary task of the group now is to lay a foundation from which to operate. Brother Rayner has taken upon himself the task of trying to locate missing copies of the CSM, which were not bound, and Sister Smith agreed to contact older members of the mission for personal information.

In the past little has been done in keeping an interesting history of the mission, although a factual report on Mission activities has been kept periodically since 1926. Little is known of what transpired in the mission since the founding of the Church here in 1853.

An earnest appeal is sent out to all members of the Church, who have any old letters, pictures, miscellaneous documents and memories of historical value, to aid the Mission Presidency in compiling a Mission history.

Missing from the Mission Office files is a volume of the CSM (1932-1934), which would be of valuable assistance. Many members of the church have copies of this volume and if one could be donated to the Mission Office, it would be highly appreciated by the Mission Historical Committee.

Also all information of historical value, regardless of how insignificant it may seem, should be sent to the Mission Office or a member of the committee should be notified.

C. B. SPEAR RELEASED AFTER 23 YEARS

In July, 1950, Clarence B. Spear was released from the Bloemfontein branch presidency after serving 23 years as head of the Church in that city. He has moved to Parys, Transvaal where he has retired. Brother Spear was highly respected by the people of Bloemfontein where he held many civic positions along with his regular work in the Church.

Brother Spear joined the Church in Bloemfontein in 1925 and two years later he was ordained to the office of an Elder by President Martin. It was about this time that he was set apart as Branch President of the Church in Bloemfontein.

During his residence in the capital of the Orange Free State, he has served as a member of the Price Control Board, Secretary of the Boy Scout Association, Commander of the local Red Cross detachment and full time secretary of the Bloemfontein branch of the Typographical Union. Most of these positions he held up to the time of his retirement. He was also a designated agent of the National Industrial Council and a Commissioner of Oaths until his retirement.

Brother Spear has been regarded as the patriarch of the Branch. He stuck strongly by his convictions regardless of social standing in the community or the effect they would have in his business life.

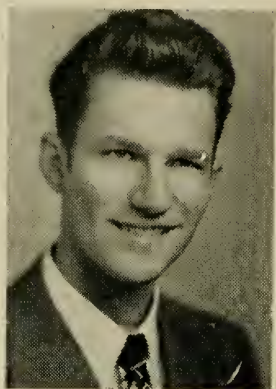
ELDERS ADDRESS RAND WOMEN'S CLUB

On Wednesday, August 23, Elders Rodney Clark and Dale Johnson, had the opportunity of addressing the Rand Women's Club at one of their luncheons. The missionaries were guests of honour with Lady Borrett. The elders had the privilege of expounding some principles of the Church and acquainting some of the ladies with various aspects of Mormonism.

The following day a short article appeared in the Johannesburg "Star" about the visit, which was also attended by a reporter of the Society section of the "Star."

The ladies showed interest in the addresses of the Elders.

Departures . . .



Elder E. Mauray Payne was released on September 1, 1950, and left for home, via England, aboard the "Athlone Castle." Elder Payne laboured in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Krugersdorp and Durban.

Statistics . . .

BLESSINGS

La Verne Faye Wiblin, daughter of Cecil and Mary Wiblin, was blessed 6 August, 1950, in Durban by President Edgar R. Yarn.

BAPTISMS

Layton Brummer, son of Stephanus and Rieckert Brummer was baptised 2 July by Elder Farrel J. Roberts and confirmed by President Evan P. Wright in Vereeniging.

Catherina Johanna Dorfling was baptised by Elder Joseph D. Reed and confirmed by Elder Harold O. Horne 22 August, 1950, in East London.

Transfers and Appointments . . .

Name	From	To	Date
Elder Gary C. Peck	Kalk Bay, C.P.	Devil's Peak, C.P.	August 18
Elder Dale E. Talbot	Cape Town, C.P.	Durban, Natal.	August 18
Elder Jack L. Parker	Devil's Peak, C.P.	Durban, Natal.	August 18
Elder Donald E. Toomey	East London, C.P.	Bellville, C.P.	August 25
Elder William L. Glenn	East London, C.P.	Kalk Bay, C.P.	August 25
Elder Norval R. Jones	East London, C.P.	Kalk Bay, C.P.	August 26
Elder Darold H. Chambers	Port Elizabeth, C.P.	East London, C.P.	August 27
Elder J. Dale Reed	East London, C.P.	Johannesburg, Tvl.	August 28
Elder Harold O. Horne	East London, C.P.	Durban, Natal.	August 28
Elder Darwin D. Metcalf.	Bloemfontein, O.F.S.	Devil's Peak, C.P.	August 29
Elder Dimar G. Hogan	Springs, Tvl.	Bulawayo, S.R.	August 29
Elder Donald V. Cook	Parktown North, Jhb.	Bulawayo, S.R.	August 29
Elder Glen L. Hamberlin	Springs, Tvl.	Bulawayo, S.R.	August 29
Elder Monroe G. McKay.	Ramah, Jhb.	Salisbury, S.R.	August 29
Elder Tharin J. Bigler	Vereeniging, Tvl.	Salisbury, S.R.	August 29
Elder George L. Albright	Southern Sub., Jhb.	Salisbury, S.R.	August 29

Elder **Sterling R. Provost** was appointed District President of the East London District and transferred from Stuerhof, C.P. on August 18.

Elder **Blaine L. Hudson** was appointed Mission Historian and transferred from Mowbray, C.P., to the mission office on August 20.

Elder **H. David Nelson** was appointed District President of the Port Elizabeth District and was transferred from Bellville, C.P. on August 28.

Elder **Floyd L. Leavitt** was appointed District President of the Bloemfontein District. He was transferred from Devil's Peak, Cape, on August 23.

Elder **Dale G. Johnson** was appointed Presiding Elder in the Salisbury area. He was transferred from Orange Grove, Tvl., on August 28.

Elder **G. Gail Weggeland** was appointed Presiding Elder in the Bulawayo area. He was transferred from Bloemfontein on August 28.

District Highlights . . .

CAPE DISTRICT

District President: Daniel A. Cherrett, 14, Serpentine, Pinelands, Cape.

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Branch President: Alvil Park, "St. George Villa," Forrest Road, Rondebosch, Cape.

Reported by Beatrice E. Smith

The first social activity of the month was the dance given by the MIA on the evening of August 1. Dennis Hammond's orchestra was responsible for the music. There was no need for "Wallflowers," as the programme was interspersed with hearty "Paul Jones" and "Get Acquainted" dances.

We have received news from England that Sister Joan Lodge is shortly to marry a member of the Church in that country.

The extremely cold weather has been responsible for a considerable falling-off in attendance at all meetings. The weather has also been the cause of a lot of sickness among the members and we missed many of the faithful ones. Among those who have been ill this month were Sisters Maggie Park and La Vern Park, Amy Hyland, Maatjie Friemond, Hester Jordaan, Lillian Heyne, Violet Taylor, Edith Myers, and Daphne Higgs. Brother Thomas Wilson was another who had a serious bout of "flu." Jerry Wright has been in bed with tonsillitis. A good friend who has been ill is Mrs. Payne. Sister Perrin has returned to her home after a prolonged stay in the hospital.

Sister Daniels paid us a visit on the 13th of the month.

Brother Lionel Bibb has had to go to Johannesburg to take up a special course for the Post Office. We wish him every success in his forthcoming examinations.

Sister Henrietta Nicholas died on the 18th of August. She was buried on the 19th, after an inspiring service held in the Chapel at Mowbray. We extend our deepest sympathy with her family in this bereavement.

We also wish at this time to sympathize with Sister Maria Butt, whose sister, Mrs. Kitty Coetzee, died on the 26th August.

If noise is any criterion, the Beetle-Drive arranged by the M.I.A. on the 22nd, must have been a "howling" success. Brother Gordon Terblanche acted as Master of Ceremonies.

We are glad to welcome back Sister Hilda le Roux, who has been holidaying in Durban and Sister Rosaline van Schalkwyk who has recently returned from a business trip to Wellington.

Among our visitors during the month was Mrs. Wanberg.

PINELANDS BRANCH

Pinelands Branch really went to town on the 5th with a cake-sale, that brought in an amount of ten guineas to swell Relief Society Funds. We congratulate these sisters on their splendid effort.

The real highlight of the month, as far as the children were concerned, was the party given by the Primary to welcome Sister Eleanor Cherrett home again, after her stay in hospital. We join with the little ones in wishing her renewed health and strength.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

In charge: Elder Donald E. Toomey, 40, Canterbury Road, Bellville, C.P.

Reported by Dorathea Storey

On August 14, the Priesthood meeting was visited by President Wright and three Elders, and the Relief Society by Sister Wright at the work meeting.

On August 25, the Branch was joined by Eerste River Sunday School in giving a farewell social to Elder H. D. Nelson, who has had charge of the Bellville Branch for six months. We are sorry to be losing him. He organised the Branch's Sunday School, and such activities as the Priesthood, the Relief Society, and the Primary.

The social was conducted by Elder Dick Winters. The eats were supplied by the sisters and everyone enjoyed themselves.

EAST LONDON DISTRICT AND BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Stirling R. Provost, 52, Frere Road, East London, C.P.

Reported by Rita Booysen

This month brought a violent upheaval in the East London Branch with the change of our Branch President and other Elders. Elder Reed has been transferred and Elder S. R. Provost has been placed in charge of this branch. Also two of the four elders in East London have been taken out.

Sister Theo Booysen is in Durban on vacation carrying the best wishes of the East London Branch to members and ex-elders there.

Sister McCallum extends warm thanks to all who so kindly worked for the Talent Money Competition for raising funds.

We are happy to report that Sister E. I. Krull, who was in the hospital for an operation, is now at home and progressing favourably.

PORT ELIZABETH DISTRICT AND BRANCH

Branch President: Elder George Quick, 15, Heath Street, Sydenham, Port Elizabeth, C.P.

Reported by Theresa Trollip

On August 18th the Priesthood and Relief Society sponsored a talent night at the home of Brother and Sister Trollip. There were 36 present and almost everyone took part on the programme. A small fee was charged to help pay for the eats and refreshments. A most enjoyable evening was spent which ended with musical games and the Virginia Reel.

We were very happy to see Brother Desmond Hill, who was transferred to Durban. He is on vacation but did not stay long in Port Elizabeth.

We are very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. McHugh come out so regularly to our meetings. They are investigators and may our Heavenly Father bless them in their efforts.

We all wish Sister Iris McWilliams a quick recovery from her recent illness. She is getting on nicely at Restval, Nelsport.

BLOEMFONTEIN DISTRICT AND BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Floyd Leavitt, 5, Clarens Street, Bloemfontein, O.F.S.

Reported by Inez Spear

A few evenings prior to Brother C. B. Spear's departure, a small party was given by the members and a wonderful time was had by everybody present.

What with the Daubney children away on holiday and the Spear children ill with whooping cough, Sister van Rooyen has had no kindergarten to teach, which hasn't exactly made her happy! However, things are slowly going back to normal so everybody will be happy and busy again within the near future.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

District President: Norman G. Muir, 119, Kitchener Avenue, Bez. Valley, Johannesburg

RAMAH BRANCH

Branch President: Francis Donly, 94, Somerset Road, Kensington, Johannesburg.

Reported by Mary Millan Stark

The Auxiliaries continue to flourish and their officers are continually planning further entertainment. During this month Primary Mother, Sister Macadam and her officers arranged an outing to the Park for the children much to their delight.

The Mutual Officers entertained their members by sponsoring a Musical Quiz evening at which prizes were given to the lucky winners.

We regret that Sister Phyllis Lloyd has been ill but is now back in harness in the Relief Society again. From 1st September the Ramah Relief Society will hold its meetings on Friday afternoons instead of Tuesdays.

Plans are well in hand for the Annual Green and Gold Ball to be held in the Selborne Hall on Saturday, 30th September, and the guests of honour will be the Deputy-Mayor and Mayoress of Johannesburg (Councillor C. F. Beckett, M.P.C. and Mrs. Beckett). We hope that it will be representative of the District, if not the Mission!

PRETORIA BRANCH

Branch President: John Troskie, 15, Harley Chambers, Andries Street, Pretoria, Tvl.

Reported by Winifred M. Cooksley

Conference was held in Pretoria on the 30th of July. President and Sister Yarn, and Brother and Sister Norman G. Muir attended. It was a grand meeting and very much enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to Brother Frank Sanders who was married on the 4th of August to Miss Botha. We all wish the happy pair a long and happy future.

The Sunday School is sponsoring a "beetle-drive" to be held on the 24th of August for Christmas tree funds.

Sister Winifred M. Cooksley has now returned from a month's vacation which she spent in Bulawayo.

We are very pleased to hear that Sister Brummer and her four daughters are moving back to town.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Branch President :I. C. Louw, P.O. Box 1, Daggafontein, Tvl.

Reported by Mavis Louw

We have received the news from Northern Rhodesia of the marriage of Rita, the second daughter of Sister Kotze, who is one of our new members. Our congratulations and best wishes to Rita, and her husband, Mr. Bosman. May they enjoy a long and happy union.

The Cape Town Delegate Fund is the new money raising name we hear about in Springs now. The Junior-Senior Sunday School class held a Beetle Drive in aid of this fund.

We are happy to have Sister Bunt back in Springs after her illness. During her illness she was cared for her daughter from Germiston.

We are sorry to report that Sister Gert Stemmet has been ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The live-wire Relief Society Sisters held another successful morning market, in aid of the building fund.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Branch President: J. P. Brummer, 49, Heidelberg Road, Peacehaven, Vereeniging, Transvaal.

Reported by Rudolph Brummer

We are indeed pleased to be able to report that Brother A. G. Brummer, who was

in hospital, is back home and well on his way to recovery.

This month we have said goodbye to Elder Garth Hall and Elder Tharin Bigler, who are now labouring in other districts. We welcome Elder Richard Dutson, who is commencing his mission here in Vereeniging.

NATAL DISTRICT AND DURBAN BRANCH

Branch President: Elder Morris Patrick, 562, Ridge Road, Durban, Natal.

Reported by Valerie Hancock

The members of the Durban MIA were privileged this month in having Dr. Shearer, who is a member of Parliament, lecture to them at the beginning of the month. The lecture was enjoyed by all present, and questions were asked and answered, after which refreshments were served.

Durban Branch rejoiced this month when the Yarn family arrived to labour here. We have grown to love them already, and are very happy to have them with us.

On Monday, Bank holiday, August 7, the Sunday School held a very successful picnic at Beachwood beach. The weather was perfect, which added to the enjoyment of all attending the picnic.

The wedding of Brother C. A. Smith's daughter, Susan, to Joe Brabant, took place in the Central Methodist Church on August 12. Our heartiest congratulations are extended to Susan and Joe.

The "flu" struck Durban members with a vengeance this month—the whole of the Hancock and Jakins family (including their visitors, Brother Jakins and Sister Bibb from Cape Town), the Fagan family, Wahlburn's and many other members. All seem to have recovered now, and it is good to see a good attendance at our meetings again.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Wahlburn and her two daughters, Sisters Joyce and Daphne, on the recent death of their husband and father.

We were happy to welcome Sister Theodora Booysen from the East London Branch, who has been here on a few days vacation. We were happy to meet her and have her attend our services.

Sister Joyce Wahlburn celebrated her 21st birthday this month and she just made the surprise party given her before she was struck with the "flu."

CAMPAIGN MONTH FOR RELIEF SOCIETY

The month of September has been chosen as "Campaign Month" in the South African Mission Relief Society. During this period an all-out drive is being staged to increase attendance at our Relief Society meetings.

All officers of the society have been contacted to make for this month's drive, so that every Latter-day Saint home and all friends in the mission might be

contacted by members of the Relief Society. This will be a fine opportunity to invite and encourage these members and friends to attend Relief Society meetings.

The final results of this drive will be published in the CSM at the close of the Campaign. The branch with the highest percentage increase will receive one year's subscription to the Relief Society Magazine free.

SERVICES HELD IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mowbray Branch,
Cor. Main and Grove Rds.,
Mowbray, Cape.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Bellville Branch,
"Zerin," Mayville Street,
Kingston Estate, Bellville, C.P.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting . . . 6.00

Epping Garden Branch,
19, Saldanha Road,
Epping Garden, C.P.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting . . . 6.00

Port Elizabeth Branch,
Town Hall, Room 3.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

East London Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Fleet Street.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Durban Branch,
Park Gate Hall,
558, Smith Street.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Ramah Branch,
395, Commissioner Street,
Fairview, Johannesburg.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Springs Branch,
7, Ninth Street,
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Pietermaritzburg Branch,
17, Holiday Street,
Sunday School 10.30

Pretoria Branch,
Pretoria Ladies' Club,
Sanlam Building.
Sunday School 10.15
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Krugersdorp Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Cor. Boshoff and
Von Brandis St.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.00

Vereeniging Branch,
49, Heidelberg Road,
Peace Haven, Vereeniging.
Sunday School 10.00
Sacrament Meeting . . 5.00

Bloemfontein Branch,
Boy Scout Hall,
Maitland Street,
Bloemfontein.
Sunday School 10.30
Sacrament Meeting . . 7.30